

ISSUED: May 25, 2006

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1175/ UM 1207

In The Matter Of)
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EXTENDED AREA SERVICE)
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Petition by the Chitwood Exchange for EAS)
to the Blodgett, Corvallis, Harlan, Philomath,)
Siletz, and Summit Exchanges (UM 1175),)
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and)
)
Petition by the Antelope Exchange for EAS to)
the Redmond, Culver, and Bend)
Exchanges (UM 1207).)

RULING

DISPOSITION: CLARIFICATION SOUGHT

On May 15, 2006, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition for a waiver of the customer notification provisions for certain customers stemming from the Commission’s approval of the petitions for EAS in these dockets. In that petition, Qwest stated:

Finally, Qwest has discussed this request with Commission Staff. Qwest believes that Staff is in agreement with this request, and thus has no objections to Qwest’s petition for waiver.

Qwest Petition, 2. Commission Staff (Staff) responded on May 25, 2006, with a concern about Qwest’s petition. Staff stated that it was unclear from Qwest’s choice of words whether Qwest’s waiver would impact customers who may experience a change in rates, depending on whether the customer elects measured EAS service with a usage package. Staff stated that it had no objection to Qwest’s waiver to the extent that it impacts customers who will not see a change in rates.

It appears that this is a matter that could have been resolved in the earlier discussion between Qwest and Staff and set forth in a more clearly stated motion.

Because it was not, a clarification is sought from Qwest as to which class of customers for which it seeks waiver of the customer notification requirements. The clarification is due by June 2, 2006.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 25th day of May, 2006.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge